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From: Jones, Joel E.
Sent: Fri 7/17/2015 10:06:14 PM
Subject: Re: Summary of issued raised at Barbara Lee's DTSC Senate Confirmation Hearing

Thank you, interesting summary.

I don't see much in her response to questions re enforcement.

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On Jul 17, 2015, at 2:37 PM, Reyes, Deldi <Reyes.Deldi@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI

From: Nelson, Cheryl
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 2:32 PM
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At Jeff's suggestion, I had Laurie listen to Barbara Lee's Senate Confirmation Hearing (Passed 3-0, goes next to full senate vote). Below in Laurie's email is a short synopsis of the key issues raised and where EPA might be useful. Attached is a longer summary of all the issues raised.

In the short-term we can use this to focus in/negotiate with DTSC on the "extra" stuff we want them to do in exchange for the bump up in their allocation. In the longer term this might help us with future quarterly manager meetings and strategies for helping DTSC achieve greater results.

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Subject: Barbara Lee DTSC Senate Confirmation Hearing Summary

I don't think anything new was revealed in the hearing. The committee and commenters mostly referred to the existing reports and reviews that have been issued in the last few years. The committee passed her confirmation on to the full Senate for a vote.

Main issues

- Permit backlogs
- Weak enforcement (quickly negotiated settlements, low fines)
- DTSC staff and management too close to regulated industry and greatly influenced by lobbyists
- Cost recovery
- Unresponsive to communities
- Exide & Kettleman

Cheryl - I think you have as good an idea as anyone where they might need help. Consensus is that they need to get their permit actions moving, create more consistent guidelines and standards for staff & management to follow, take enforcement action when violations are found and better engage communities near facilities. We could participate in the lean events or maybe provide technical assistance on community relations.

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